

HAVE WE OR HAVE WE NOT? A HALL

Where is the city hall?
That's rather a puzzling question but from the present situation, Richmond appears to have and it hasn't one. Legal lights cast the full gleam of their beams upon the results of the election Friday and the majority declared: "We've one, but have we?"

The situation is a queer one: Attorneys for the Nicholl-Burg interests say that Friday's election answers the question. The people, they say, have decided to put the city hall on the Burg tract. But now comes other attorneys who say that isn't so at all.

State Senator James C. Owens last night quoted a ruling of the United States Supreme court which he says says "The seat of a city government cannot be moved without a two-thirds majority."

The Nicholl-Burg proposition received a majority of 529 votes, considerable less than the two thirds majority of votes cast.

If the seat of government of the city of Richmond is really located on the Wall tract, then it is possible that the city cannot move its city hall to the Burg tract.

Or if the seat of government is not in the Wall tract but in reality at its original location on the west side, then the question is: Does the city hall remain in the old Nicholl building on the west side?

The Daily News was unable to get into communication with Mr. Geo. Wall, president of the Harbor Center Land Company last night, but several "close in" intimates that the proposition would be put into further litigation before the city hall is finally located.

In the mean time the suggestion that the building be placed on wheels and moved from section to section is steadily gaining favor.

"This appears to be all silly talk," said Mayor Garrard in regard to the above, last night "The people have decided where they want the hall, so what is the use of bickering. I am no attorney so I couldn't say whether or not legal status of the thing is still in the balance."

PIONEER BORNE TO THE GRAVE

The funeral of John A. Pearson who died Thursday night was held yesterday afternoon from the family residence at the corner of Orchard and San Pablo avenues. Pearson was an employee of the Pullman Company for 32 years. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. D. W. Calfee. The deceased was a native of Sweden, aged 60, and leaves a wife, a son Carl and a daughter, Esther. The funeral was in charge of Undertaker E. B. Smallwood.

PLACE SILVER ON LAD'S THIGH

A difficult operation was performed at the Craven hospital yesterday morning by Dr. H. L. Carpenter and Dr. W. E. Cunningham upon Roswell Richter, son of H. J. Richter, bakery man at Thirteenth and Macdonald. The operation consisted of the application of a silver plate to the boy's thigh bone. He is reported as having recovered nicely from the operation.

VISITING AUNT

Miss C. O. Dodd from Dubuque, Idaho is visiting her aunt Mrs. C. Holtnack, 615 Bissell avenue.

LIFT MAN: HE LIFTS A GUN; WARRANT OUT

M. P. Berges with a friend went quail hunting in the vicinity of Lafayette Friday. Berges, who lives on Richmond street purchased a new shot gun. He parted with \$5 ducks for the shooting iron and he vowed that he would bag the limit in a very short time. So Berges and his friends in a one horse shay started for the hunting grounds. Then they met a man on the road. He asked for a "lift." He was given it. Berges and his friend sat on the front seat and discussed the weather. Then Berges looked around. The "lifted one" had disappeared. So had the gun.

Berges yesterday took out a John Doe warrant for the carrying one's arrest. Constable Davis is now on the lookout for the gentleman who "lifted" the piece of armor.

LOCAL RUGGERS WIN BIG GAME PLAYED HERE YESTERDAY

In the presence of some 300 rugby fans, the Richmond high school fifteen yesterday afternoon vanquished the Livermore High gang on the pasture at Twenty-third street. The score was 6 to 0. Richmond two weeks from yesterday will play the winner of the Livermore Centerville game for the championship. Richmond's scores came in the first half. Brown kicked a field goal and George Peres got through for a try, which Clark once failed to convert. The locals played a great game and much credit is due Coach Ray Maddox of Stege, a University of California student and graduate of the local high. Leak was the star of the visitors. The locals lined up as follows: Mevis and Radcliff and M. Walters, front rank; Anderson, lock; Gray and Lane, breakaway; L. Walters and Black, rear rankers; McAllister, half; Parker, first five; Barr, second five. Brown, three quarters; George Peres, wing; Koontz, wing and Pierson, full. J. J. Machee, referee.

MOOSE DEFENDERS WILL ENTERTAIN

Tomorrow evening the Moose Defenders will again entertain with a ladies night at Moose Hall when the friends of the members of the military organization will be given an opportunity for an evening of dancing.

The affair is being handled by a committee composed of A. C. Curwin, chairman, Albert Schofield and Mr. Ibeson.

MCDOWELL LEAVES FOR THE EAST

Mrs. Sedie Holdredge and Miss May Casley of Belleville, Kansas are visiting at the home of Mrs. J. T. Conwell, 1125 Bissell avenue. They have not seen each other for nine years.

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

The engagement of Miss Ida Warrilow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Warrilow, 134 Seventh street to Frederick Welsh, San Francisco was announced last evening.

NOV. 22—Turkey whist party. Fraternal Brotherhood score cards 50 cents.

WANDERING STORAGE COMPANY IS CAPTURED IN PULLMAN DISTRICT

Like the story of the people who carried the doors of their homes on their backs to prevent marauders from breaking into them, is the story of the arrest of Ed Meyers at Pullman last night. Mounted Officer Jones patrolling Pullman was startled by an unusual sight. Urging his trusty steed onward Jones charged down upon the unusual sight. What he saw was this: Meyers carrying a huge trunk upon his shoulder and a young cannon in his hand trudging down the street. "Halt", the sweet voice of Jones boomed through the darkness. Meyers halted. So did the trunk. Into the patrol, Meyers, the trunk and the weapon of war fare were bundled.

PLEASURES OF MIGHTY EMULATORS OF SIR NIMROD ARE SHATTERED

Several beginners in the favorite sport of Mr. Nimrod each summer as the opening of the duck season approaches make the striding discovery that the waters and mud flats of the inner harbor are haunted by hundreds of choice mallards, canvas backs and other scarce species of ducks. So far, so good. But one must go further to land these ducklings in the hamper and so on the first few mornings of the open season, which began Friday several of these novices betook themselves to boats and boots set sail with their oars to get to the feeding grounds of these apparently unwary and thoughtless birds.

TEN STRIPED BASS FALL VICTIMS OF LOCAL FISHER

T. A. McGinnes, 1208 Florida enjoyed a great day at the fishing grounds Friday. McGinnes bagged 10 large striped bass.

LIGHTS WILL BURN ON TUESDAY EVE; EDISON

At tomorrow night's meeting of the city council, Mayor Garrard will officially proclaim Tuesday, as Edison day and a proclamation ordering all loyal citizens to keep electric lights burning until midnight will be issued. Some time ago the council was requested to do this by the state of New York, out of respect for Thomas Edison, the great American inventor.

LOCAL REALTY DEALER TO INVESTIGATE MINES

M. W. Trullitt, well known local real estate man left last night for Nevada county where he will spend several weeks looking over mining interests. H. L. Springer, also of this city is at present in Nevada looking over the mines.

VISITOR FROM MICHIGAN

Frank Burgman, of Lansing, Michigan, is visiting for a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Davis, 644 Sixth street.

PURCHASES SALOON

Phil Barry, former sergeant on the local police department has purchased the Curtis Bar at Eleventh street and Macdonald avenue from James Silvas.

SUBMITS TO OPERATION

E. J. Royce, employee of the Western Carbon company was operated upon at the office of Dr. Hall Vestal yesterday morning. Following the operation he was removed to his home at Thirteenth and Herman.

October 13th—Whist party by Oneida Council, Degree of Pochontas, Pythian Castle. Score cards 25 cents.

"Gee whiz," remarked Desk Officer Standford, as Jones assisted Meyers, trunk and arsenal into the police station. "what's up? This is a storage house for law fracturers but we aren't running any competition with the storage companies."

Meyers was placed in a nice roomy cell. A charge of carrying concealed weapons was placed against him.

The trunk and pistol occupy quarters in the station, too. "It's a great life," remarked Standford as he grasped the telephone to his bosom to answer somebody's sweet voice. And then we went out into the night.

So far, so good unless the boat leaks. But one must go yet further to bag the several aformentioned birds, and we are nearing the climax, for this is not a game in which you can go as far as you like. One must shoot the ducks with a gun or in the instance of the novice shoot at the ducks. Alas and alack, this action is what brings the downfall of the hunter, for no sooner has the reverberating boom of the shot-gun boomed than the raucous voice of Game Warden Harry Lauritzen also booms across the waters and muds "Hey you out there. Nix on the shooting. Don't you know you are in the city limits of Richmond."

Yep, Richmond is a big city.

JOHN PULSE IS MEDAL WINNER

In a three cornered competition between John Pulse, Al Jackson and Charles Kaiser, of Pulse Bros., Pulse was awarded a medal. For the past ten days, a demonstration of Armour's products has been held in the local store. John Pulse, Jackson and Kaiser entered into a friendly battle to determine which had the greater selling ability. John Pulse won the medal. Jackson and Kaiser in the meantime are spending valuable hours trying to figure how it was done. Pulse promises to show them how to dispose of wares in jig time when he has a few moments to spare.

TO ENTERTAIN AT WHIST FOR BENEFIT OF SOCIETY

Mrs. Earl Fitzpatrick will entertain next Thursday afternoon at her home, 622 Twenty-first street at a whist party. The affair will be for the benefit of St. Elizabeth's court, Women's Catholic Order of Foresters. Score cards are 15 cents. Refreshments will be served.

STANDARD MEN AT BANQUET

The "Clam Bake Club" of the Standard Oil company last night held its annual banquet and reunion at Solari's in San Francisco. About twenty local Standard Oil men made the trip to San Francisco.

PATTERSON GOING EAST

D. C. Patterson, brother of Mrs. J. P. Smith, 33 Nevada avenue, leaves for a two months business trip to the east. He will spend most of the time he is away at Pittsburg Pa.

MCDOWELL GOES TO SYNOD

James C. McDowell goes to San Diego to attend the annual Synod at the Presbyterian church of California.

Don't forget the big Halloween dance of the Richmond Lodge of Elks at East Shore Park October 30th. Biggest dance of the year. Excellent music and many features.

RICHMOND HIGH GRADUATE WILL BECOME BRIDE

A chance meeting at a dance three years ago led to a formal introduction; a mutual friendship; then love and the announcement of the coming nuptials of a popular local couple. The couple are Miss Clara Pizotti, charming daughter of Mrs. Mary A. Pizotti, 137 South Second street and Jack King, popular employee of the Western Pipe and Steel company. The marriage will be solemnized early next month.

Miss Pizotti is a graduate of the Richmond Union High school and is well known and popular in local social circles.

LAD'S FATE IS TO BE SETTLED SOON

That Governor Hiram Johnson will take official notice of the petition signed by more than 800 local residents asking the pardon of Kenneth Johnson, the seventeen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson of the west side, next week was learned yesterday. The governor has not indicated what action he will take. Considerable local pressure is being brought to bear in behalf of the boy and local friends of the Johnson family expect that the governor will act favorably on the case.

Mrs. Johnson, mother of the unfortunate boy yesterday received a letter from her son in San Quentin. The young man wrote that he was again confined to the hospital and that he was beginning to feel despondent. "My head is aching me," he wrote, "and I am beginning to despair. Why must I sacrifice my life in prison?"

The boy's letter indicated that he is growing despondent and his parents fear that unless he is soon released from prison he will be unable to stand up under the strain. The mother is facing the ordeal with the stoical suffering of a Spartan parent. For months she has fought to secure the freedom of her son. As the time approaches for the decision which shall tell whether or not her son shall remain in prison, the strain is becoming more pronounced.

"My only desire is for my son's freedom," she said last night. "I know he is innocent of any wrong doing. I do not know what I will do should my appeal for clemency fail."

ARE JAILED

John McMan and Dave Conroy, peddling hams and bacon in this city gave out a line of talk at the same time that was offensive and profane. They were arrested and given ten days each.

MRS. DRAKE A VISITOR

Mrs. F. E. Drake, of Mills Creek, Oregon, aunt of Chas. Swartout, the well known local painter, is visiting at the Swartout home for two weeks and taking in the sights at the Exposition.

OCTOBER 23—Merchandise whist party: Homesteaders, No. 265: Pythian Castle. Score cards 25 cents.

HUGE SUM INVOLVED IN DEAL IS SAID

That John Nicholl, Richmond capitalist is planning to revive the old Pt. Protrero railway line, extending to Pt. Protrero to the Santa Fe line, was rumored last night. Nicholl with several engineers spent part of yesterday looking over the ground and from indications plans to start operations on the line in a very short time.

Several years ago, Nicholl secured a right of way for the line. The proposed line was graded and a number of ties for the laying of rails were brought in. The line later was abandoned.

From information at hand, Mr. Nicholl plans to push the line through to completion. A dock will be erected at the extremity of the point. Warehouses will be erected.

The proposed Nicholl docks are about a mile south of the city docks, now in the course of construction. It is understood that the proposed Nicholl line will mean an outlay of more than a million dollars. From the information secured last night, several large shipping interests are interested in the deal.

It is understood that engineers will commence surveying next week.

STEGE MERCHANTS PLAN A CARNIVAL

Merchants of Stege are making elaborate arrangements for a carnival to be held in that place commencing October 26th. The carnival will continue one week. Numerous attractions are being prepared and the Stege merchants expect to draw a large attendance each night in the week. A queen will be elected to rule over the festivities.

BIG STORE TO OPEN FRIDAY

The opening of The Big Store in the new Schram building at Seventh street and Macdonald avenue next Friday evening will be a big event in local circles. A band concert will be one of the features of the opening of the place. On that occasion, a woman model will demonstrate the latest in women's garments. Managers C. M. Reedy and A. M. George of the new store are making arrangements for the grand opening.

AT THE RICHMOND

A vaudeville program de luxe, fresh from the big circuits of the country will be entertaining features presented by the Richmond Theater at its shows today. Included in the program will be Smith and Williams, the newsboys, in a singing and dancing novelty that is a scream. Then there will be Jerry Croft, expert banjoist who has a new series of novelties La Velle, Robineau and Waude, in harmony singing and talking acts which is splendidly entertaining.

Cliff and Dee present a "so different" act including some fine music and singing. On Monday and Tuesday the great \$1000.00 prize drama "The Sins of the Mothers" will be presented. This is one of the most dramatic and most elaborate films ever produced by this company. The entire resources of the immense studio were placed at the disposal of Director Ralph Ince, and the results are perfect photography, scenic accuracy and admirable acting. The cast includes Anita Stewart, Julia Swayne Gordon, Earle Williams, Lucille Lee, Mary Maurice and Paul Scardon.

HERE COMES YOE AND MARTINEZ: LET'S GO AND GIVE 'EM A GOOD TIME, FRIENDS: AT FIRST STREET

Today's contest at Bill Luce's Park at First street is certainly the choicest morsel local fans have had prepared for their entertainment in many months. It will bring Yoe McNamara and his tribe of hopeless hopes down from the land of nowhere to the liveliest city in the world and when our troops get through with Joe's irregulars Yoe will have an awful time telling the hayseeds how it happened.

Today's contest promises to be one of the fastest ever staged in these parts. Charlie Burns will open for Richmond and will be opposed by Stanley. Mr. Jack Goldie, the authority for the famous statement that the score board was the cause of Richmond victory will also be on the job. At that Jack said quite a little speech when he made that remark. If it were not for the scoreboard, Yoe wouldn't have no alibi and the hum folks are getting tired of hearing that old dope story.

This contest, today, ladies and gentlemen, demands the presence of every able bodied citizen and non citizen in this vicinity. Realizing that certain defeat stares 'em in the mug, the up country scribes are busy manufacturing alibis for the poor

boobs on Yoe's pay roll. Therefore it is a cinch that Richmond will win. Was there ever a Richmond who would miss an opportunity to get out and enjoy a laugh at the expense of the county seaters? We thank not.

Richmond must win this little setto today to get into the county championship. If we were inclined to furnish one for last Sunday. But we forgot where Joe keeps his score board and what color it is painted. Otherwise we would have good grounds to make a kick.

The Richmond concert band will be on the job today to furnish the syncopated stuff for the occasion.

It is expected that 300 fans will make the trip from the county seat. Luce has made arrangements to handle a record crowd. Get on the job fans. The season is nearing an end and the boys need encouragement. Let's wind up the remainder of the season with a new record attendance.

Awright.

Special to the News
MARTINEZ, October 16.—Yoe McNamara today issued the follow-

ing proclamation "Friends, citizens and fellow boobs, lend me your loose change. Tomorrow we invade the territory of our bitter enemy, Richmond. I love every bone in your heads. (Joe was safe here for that's all we have here). Let us stand together and show these fresh guys down at the Oil city that they ain't such a whole lot. Remember, my friends, the honor of our city is at stake. We must fight with all of the diligence at our command. To taste defeat at the hands of Luce's gang would be nauseating. Let us gather at Richmond in a huge mob. Let us say rude things to Richmond fans. Let us call 'em dopers, tramps, boobs and other naughty names. Then they'll get so excited their eyes will fill with blood and then while all they can see is blood and we will rush over, remove the score board and then we shall gallop home an easy winner."

As Yoe finished his speech, three long yawns were asked by CyPrune. They were given with a vengeance. "Yes said Cy, Yoe, ish right. He's alwash right. We mush go out and winsh shish game. Shosh Richmonders are worsh than." At this moment, the village police department interrupted the festivities and Cy was given a bunk for the night in the town bastille.

"I would so love to win," said Evangeline Creampuff, the village belle, following Mr. Prune's remarks. "I don't like these ball headed guys and while they have some nice fat boys in Richmond I think we ought to win. Anyway I am going to Richmond and shout for my heroes."

It is expected that 300 will make the trip from here.

WHATEVER WAR IS UNDER WHAT WILL THIS COME?

They have the teams, and the umpires and everything else. But they aren't decided upon the audience. Howard French is the only one left for the crowd, and the single ones protest. The benedicts claim that Howard hasn't been married long enough to be classed as a real dyed-in-wool benedict but the single ones claim that even a short time married seems a "durned sight longer". At any rate this is the only hitch in the great diamond battle between the married and single men of the Richmond lodge of Elks which will be staged this morning at Luce's Park. Charlie Walker has made arrangements to have the police department on hand to prevent any riots and the governor is holding the militia ready to prevent any unscheduled battles. Art Alstrom who was originally scheduled to lead the benedicts has dropped from the game. He has a wife and family and cannot take any chance with his life, he says. In his place Willie Coddington will conduct the charge of the married brigade. "I have but one life to give for my country," said Bill last night. "And these unsophisticated, immature, light headed and cherub mugged babes will have to go some to land that life."

Says Jim Stout, leader of the unmarried gang: "Let 'em come. The bigger they are the harder they fall. I shall bite every fresh married guy on the ankle if they start anything rough."

The teams will enter what promises to be a sanguinary battle (whatever that is) in the following order: Single men: Chester Prouty, p; J. Stewart, c; Charles Brigham, 1b; Jim Stout, 2b; Frank Dietrich, 3b; Cecil Hedges, ss; Bert Curry, cf; (Bert, by the way, should have no difficulty in morganing any that come his way. Killing is to good) Elmer French, cf; Bill Pries, lf; "Cotton Top" Billy Muller and Fred Craven, extra.

The benedicts will enter the controversy in the following manner: Harry Gordon, p; Sydney Stitt, c; Joe Rose, 1b; O. L. Dietrich, 2b; W. Coddington, 3b; Wilbur (Perce, ss; Earl Morgan, lf; cZb Knott, cf; Jim Snos, rf; Jim Arnold and W. B. Jenkins, extra.

Dr. C. L. Abbott, is official water carrier for the married men. Carlton F. Stetson has a similar position with the single men. H. G. Biggs is mascot for the married men and J. B. Ford for the single. Dr. Charles R. Blake is official foul ball chaser for the married men and Jack Temple for the single men.

Al Childs and Joe Dietrich have agreed to umpire. A written agreement from each side has been secured that the remains will be given decent burial, providing of course there are any remains.

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